## <u>APPLICATION FOR COMPENSATION</u>

Compensation of Professionals is guided by **D.N..J. LBR 2016-1**. Please refer to the rule for guidance on the use of local forms, appearances and other filing requirements.

**PLEASE NOTE:** ALL fee applications over \$1,000 must be scheduled for a hearing, but appearances are not always required. Please refer to the local rule. For fee applications under \$1,000, click [NEXT] to skip the **Hearing Information** screen. DO NOT schedule a hearing for fees under \$1,000.

- STEP 1 Choose Bankruptcy from main menu
- STEP 2 Choose Motions/Applications category
- **STEP 3** Enter case number; click [NEXT]
- STEP 4 Select Compensation from drop down list if the fee is over \$1,000; select Compensation (under \$1,000) if the fee is less than \$1,000; click [NEXT]
- STEP 5 If this is a joint filing, place a check in the box; click [NEXT]. If this is not a joint filing, click [NEXT] to skip this screen
- STEP 6 Select party on whose behalf you are filing or click [ADD/CREATE PARTY]; click [NEXT]
  - TIP 1- If the party seeking compensation is an individual attorney and is filing for their own fees and expenses, choose the party the attorney represents.
  - TIP 2 If the party seeking compensation is a law firm, rather than an individual attorney, add the firm as a party in the case and select the firm as the party.
- STEP 7a If the fee is over \$1,000, click on the hyperlink for the Judge's calendar, determine the next possible hearing date and time; click [BACK]
- **STEP 7b** Enter the hearing date, time and location in the appropriate fields; click [NEXT]

- STEP 7c If the fee is less than \$1,000, click [NEXT] to skip the *Hearing Information* screen. DO NOT set a hearing.
- STEP 8 Upload the PDF document and any attachments, click [NEXT]
  - TIP Attorneys and Accountants seeking fees in excess of \$10,000 should consult the local rule regarding Local Forms 3 or 4.
  - TIP Supporting documents such as Retention Orders, Certificates of Service, Proposed Orders and Exhibits are uploaded as ATTACHMENTS to the Application.
  - TIP Lengthy Exhibits should be broken down into groups and uploaded separately. For example Exhibit A(Jan through June), Exhibit B(July through Dec) etc.
- **STEP 9** Confirm case name and number; click [NEXT]
- Filer and party information screen displays. The *Filer* box under the Filer's name should be checked. Do not place a check in the *Filer* box under the Party's name.
  - If the filer is seeking compensation for their own fees and expenses, complete the fields on the top half of the screen. Select the role of the filer from the Type drop down list and enter dates and amounts associated with the filer.
  - If the filer is filing on behalf of another party, complete the fields on the bottom half of the screen. Select the role of the party from the Type drown down list and enter dates and amounts associated with the party.

## Click [NEXT] to continue

- STEP 11 Docket text appears; select applicable prefix, if any: e.g. *First*; review for accuracy; click [NEXT]
  - TIP Other than selection of prefix, the text of this docket entry <u>cannot</u> be modified from this screen; if modification is necessary, use the [BACK] button on your browser.

## SAMPLE DOCKET TEXT

First Application for Compensation for John Hughes, Debtor's Attorney, period: 12/1/2001 to 12/31/2001, fee: \$10,000, expenses: \$1,000. Filed by John Hughes. Hearing scheduled for 2/28/02 at 02:00 PM at Courtroom 2, Camden. (Hughes, John)

- **STEP 12** Final docket text appears; click [NEXT] to submit
  - TIP This is the last opportunity to change information or abort transaction.
- **STEP 13 Notice of Electronic Filing** displays